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SUBJECT: HOUSE DEFEATS MOVE TO STRIKE KOREA AID FUNDS

1. IN LATE-BREAKING DEVELOPMENT MAY 10 FOLLOWING ISSUANCE
OF STRONG DENUNCIATION BY SPECIAL COUNSEL JAWORSKI (SEPTTEL)
OF FAILURE OF ROKG TO ACCEDE TO DEMAND FOR SWORN TESTIMONY
BY FORMER AMBASSADOR KIM DONG-JO IN ETHICS COMMITTEE
INVESTIGATION, HOUSE VOTED DOWN MOVE TO STRIKE KOREA
PL-480 FUNDS FROM BUDGET.

2. CONGRESSMAN CAPUTO LATE TODAY READ HIS COLLEAGUES
GENEROUS EXCERPTS FROM JAWORSKI STATEMENT ISSUED SHORTLY
BEFORE AND INTRODUCED AMENDMENT TO BUDGET BILL WHICH '
WOULD HAVE STRUCK 56 MILLION DOLLARS OF PL-480 FUNDS FOR
ROK. CONGRESSMAN JACOBS ADDED HARDER AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD
ALSO HAVE DELETED FMS CREDIT FUNDS FOR KOREA. JACOBS
VERSION WAS DEFEATED BY VOICE VOTE WITH CAPUTO ALSO
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OPPOSING. CAPUTO POINTED OUT IMPORTANT SYMBOLISM OF HOUSE
SUPPORT OF HIS AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO JAWORSKI'S CALL,
AND NOTED THAT ACTION NOW COULD BE REVERSED LATER IF
APPROPRIATE AND THEREFORE WAS NOT FINAL. ROLL CALL VOTE
WAS ASKED FOR.

3. CAPUTO AMENDMENT WAS DEFEATED 149 TO 251 (SUBJECT TO

SOME LAST MINUTE ADDITIONS TO VOTE AFTER OUR INFORMATION). VANCE

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